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THE LONDON journals are just now describing with an admiration only equaled by their surprise, the astonishing success of the Duke of Meiningen's dramatic company in the rendition of "Julius Caesar"; at Drury Lane. Some of the leading papers cannot refrain from saying that first time in England in the perfection in which Shakspeare conceived it. That in especial the management of the populace is admirable and amazing. The mob, which upon the British stage is inevitably a mechanical borror, destroying the very soul of every scene in which it appears, derfully effective as to be a revelation of When cooling from their first burst of admiration, the British critics recover themselves sufficiently to criticise the foreigners for the fact that the leading actors, seem, early in the play, to strike a keynote from which there is little deviation throughout the whole representation, either by the principal actors or the those holding the inferior parts. It is, perhaps, in this very peculiarity

that the German portraiture finds its suc-Gauze Underwear for Ladies, Gents and cess. Upon both the English and American stage, Shakspeare seems to have suffered from a species of hair-splitting discussion-a sort of microscopic analysis under which the life has fled leaving behind an anatomic preparation from which all soul has departed. It is not that too much learning has made the actors mad, for the study has not reached to the dignity of learning, but the very minuteness of the consideration seems to have made Shakspeafe, to us, a literary text-book, rather than a series of hearty, wholesome dramatic pictures. Foreigners, naturally free from that incubus of respect which tends to make us weigh every syllable and extract its fullest meaning, seize upon the great dramas to their entirety, and daringly work them out by some simple course of reasoning and single warmth perception. Fechter did this singular power; he conceived a fresh, natural realization of Hamlet. At one touch he tore away the clouds of critical disquisition that had obscured the original, and whether right or wrong, he gave us for the first time a Hamlet, who was a living, possible creature and not a metaphysical problem. Other foreign artists will perhaps benefit us in the same way, and we may look to them and their hearty, original study of our great dramatist for a truer and even genius than we have yet reached.

> A CORRESPONDENT of the St Globe-Democrat, writing from Cimarron, New Mexico, gives a graphic picture of the dreadful penances which the Spanish Americans of the far southwest frequently inflict upon themselves during Holy Week. Men who, during the rest of the year, lead lives of profligacy and dissipation, are at this period stimulated to the verge of insanity, and, providing themselves with branches of the cactus, voluntarily inevery year witnesses the death of some victims of the penitential fervor. Others fasten lobes of the prickly pear cactus to the soles of their feet and under their arms and run for miles; while others carry heavy wooden crosses until unable to longer endure the weight, when they plant their burdens in the ground. Some of these crosses are said to be seventeen teet in length and eight or nine feet in

In more enlightened communities such self-torture is fortunately of rare occur ence, although within a comparatively recent period we have read of an instance BYNG BROS,, 1513 Penna, avenue n. in which an American devotee underwent a fast of long duration. It should not be forgotten, however, that, while it would be far better for men to regulate

and sincere feeling of remorse for sin which is shown by the Mexican Penitentes, as they are called, is worthy of respect.

In view of the recent course of events

at Albany it is scarcely too much to say

that the re-election of ex-Senators Conk-

less an alliance should be made between the stalwarts and the democrats. This contingency is, from present indications, very unlikely to occur, and the administration republicans have good reason to look forward to the result of the Albany contest with a confident hope of victory. The democratic strength has been concentrated upon Messrs. Jacobs and Kernan, while the republican members have voted for numerous candidates. Although it is too early in the contest to speak positively, the gentlemen whose chances for election appear the most promising are ex-Vice-President Wheeler and Chauncey M. Depew. Senator Vest, of Missouri, is re ported as saying that Coukling cannot se cure a re-election, although he personally desires his triumph, as it would tend to disorganize the republican party. Ex-Senator Eaton, of Connecticut, recommends the democratic members of the New York legislature to secure the election of men of their own party, if possible, but to vote for Conkling if the succes of Depew cannot otherwise be prevented. the play has now been presented for the This advice will most probably be disre garded as a large portion of the demo cratic party of New York is bitterly opposed to a coalition with either of the contending republican factions and in favor of rigid and inflexible non-intervention Although the re-election of the resigning Senators may fairly be considered out of becomes in the German company so won- the question, it is not beyond the possibilities of the near future that a combinathe conception of the great dramatist. tion of stalwarts and democrats may effect an adjournment and throw the election into the hands of the legislature to be chosen next fall. This might result in the choice of two democratic Senators, but the supporters of the administration are so well organized that they expect that the issue of the present senatorial con flict will meet with their approval.

It is now thought that angered Italy will seize upon Tripoli as a retaliation for the occupation of Tunis by France. If it be so, it will seem again that the evil and selfishness of individual men is directed by Providence to the benefit of the whole human race. The Moslem peoples, capable of barbaric splendor and of a certain degree of culture, seem unable or un willing to lift themselves to the higher range of civilization, and the countries beneath their rule descend rather than progress. The whole sweep of the southern shore of the Mediterranean has retrograded from its former position, and science, art and commerce will revive under the inspiring influences of an established and enlightened government.

ONE OF THE most daring labors ever undertaken seems to be the boring of the tunnel under the English channel. The work is progressing steadily and seems at present to promise a complete success. It may be said to be founded upon a geological inference, which is that the chalk strata which appears both on the shore of England and of France is continuous beneath the channel. Below the visible chalk formation, which has through all historic time been known as the marked characteristic of the coast, there is a strata of gray chalk of a more clayer nature, and in this is the perforation or tunnel being excavated, or rather driven by a loftier apprehension of his surpassing drill which cleverly throws back what may be called its chips into a huge dustpan that is drawn out and returned by machinery, keeping the bore free of de-

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